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PARTNERS. THAILAND DOES NOT "WISH TO GO IT ALONE".

-- (K) SITTHI HAS ASKED THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO ASSURE THAT THAI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARUN WILL BE RECEIVED IN BEIJING AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL SO THAT HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONVINCE BEIJING TO URGE THE KHMER ROUGE TO ADOPT A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON THE SINGAPORE COALITION PLAN.

-- (L) SITTHI ALSO TOOK NOTE THAT WE WOULD, AS LAST YEAR, CONTINUE TO LOOK AT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN HELP DIRECTLY IN PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE KHMER ALONG THE BORDER. HE ALSO WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT WE WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND SUCH AS FMS CREDITS.

-- (M) SITTHI THANKED ME FOR THE BRIEFING I HAD PROVIDED HIM LAST WEEK ON SON SANN'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES (STATE 323912). THIS INFORMATION, SITTHI SAID, "WAS VERY TIMELY, AND BECAUSE OF ITS VALUE HE USED IT IN HIS PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS AT PHATTHAYA."

3. COMMENT: AFTER GHAZALI'S VISIT TO BANGKOK, I EXPECT SITTHI WILL BRIEF ME FURTHER ON ASEAN'S INTENTIONS AND ON THE MECHANISM UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR HANDLING U. S. NON-MILITARY ASSISTANCE. DEAN

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